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Replace the paragraph on page 7, line 3 through line 13 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Thus, the alternative table for registering the paper information for alternative printing is managed for each host device. Accordingly, the information of the alternative information in each host device is independent, and the alternative table in one host device does not exert influences on the other host devices. As probability of the occurrence of disagreement errors is decreased by executing the alternative printing, it is possible to reduce influences on the other host devices owning jointly the printer, and to contribute to stabilization of a network constituted by the printer and the plurality of host devices.

Replace the paragraph on page 11, line 26 through page 12, line 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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In this manner, even in the case where the papers of the size and type specified are not stored in the tray of the printer, the size and type are registered in the alternative table 20 for a predetermined tray, whereby in the case where the same size and type as the registered size and type are next specified, the printer does not become in the disagreement error condition, and executes an alternative printing. Accordingly, for a temporary printing, as there is no necessity for changing setting of the tray, or depressing the CONTINUE switch in each printing job data, it is possible to enhance operability in the printer. Hereinafter, embodiments of the present invention will be explained in further detail.